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Attorney Docket Number	1857.0690000

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/040,375; Filed: January 9, 2002

For: Apparatus for Transferring and Loading a Reticle With a Robotic Reticle End-Effector (as amended)

Inventors:

Friedman et al.

Our Ref:

1857.0690000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
- 3. Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) and Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115;
- 4. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
- 5. One (1) return postcard; and
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